Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Terry, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am to work on 2027 Budget

2. The Select Board began its review of departmental budget requests for 2027. The Board identified several areas requiring additional information to clarify proposed increases and scheduled a meeting with the Road Agent for Monday, November 9, at 10:30 a.m., to review the Highway Department budget requests.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Scanlan

Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 10:00AM
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Mark Terry, Chairman

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John Snowdon

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William McGahie

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday November 5, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Terry, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:08 am

2. Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2026 Motion was made by Mark Terry and seconded by John Snowdon to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to approve Manifests for: $657,023.61 Motion passed 3-0.

4. Old Business

   A. Hoyle, Tanner & Associates is conducting a study to evaluate potential solutions for the River Road Bridge. The study includes three options: rerouting the road around the bridge through the edge of the adjacent field, constructing a new bridge, or installing a temporary bridge. A public informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. to present the options and provide an opportunity for public input.

5. New Business

   A. 2026 Tax Rate – The 2026 tax rate was set at $16.07 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The Tax Warrant was signed.

   B. Planning Board Update – Lauren Bressett, Chair

   Ordinances
   - The Planning Board is reviewing recent changes in state law regarding multi-family dwellings and child care facilities.
   - The use table is being updated for consistency.
   - A work session is scheduled for November 16 at 3:00 p.m. to complete the review of definitions and proposed ballot amendments.

   Master Plan and Development Constraints Maps – Both projects are in the final stages of completion.

   C. Assessing – The Select Board and Planning Board Chair agreed that property cards should be reviewed for consistency, particularly regarding how Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and apartments are identified and listed.

   D. Westmorelander Article – John Snowdon is preparing an article on heating fuel resources available to residents.

   E. Additional Meeting Dates and Schedule Changes
   - November 9 – Select Board budget work session at 10:00 a.m.
   - December 1 – Select Board meeting time changed to 1:00 p.m.
   - December 10 – River Road Bridge Study informational meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
   - January 2 – School Budget Meeting at the school.
   - February 5 – Town and School Budget Hearings at Town Hall.

   F. Cheshire County Red Barn – Cheshire County has invited the Select Board to tour the Red Barn located near the community garden on River Road. The Board was also invited to consider using the facility for future meetings or events.

6. Election Appreciation – The Select Board commended the election officials for doing a phenomenal job managing the election, which saw a voter turnout of 869. The Board also expressed its appreciation to the Westmoreland General Store for providing food for the election workers.

7. 10:50 am motion was made by John Snowdon seconded by Mark Terry to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2026 1:00PM
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Mark Terry

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William McGahie

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John Snowdon

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Terry, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am to work on 2027 Budget

2. The Select Board reviewed the Highway Department budget requests with Road Agent Dave Poklemba, who noted that proposed increases are largely due to rising fuel costs which directly affects the cost of salt, sand, and paving. The salt and sand sheds are full in preparation for the winter season.

3. The Select Board continued its review of departmental budget requests for 2027 and began working on 2027 warrant articles, including determining the amounts to be requested for contributions to capital reserve funds.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Scanlan

Town Administrator

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